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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE (As Amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-entitled patent application as follows.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

 X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2.. Claims:

Please cancel claim 13, amend claims 14-16 and 19-22, and add new claims 25-33.

 If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.